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Pamela J. Young Wins Creative and Innovation Award



Regional Director Thomas Dailey and Pamela Young

It is with pride and pleasure that I share with you that Pamela J. Young, a dental hygienist from the South Region, has won the 2013 Creativity and Innovation Award. This award is given by the South Region to individuals who are innovative, dedicated to providing quality care, and provide direction to others in promoting and achieving these goals. Ms. Young definitely fits these criteria.

Ms. Young's energy and commitment are endless. She always has a smile on her face and makes dental visits as fun and pleasant as possible. When Ms. Young is not providing dental care in the clinic she is busy visiting residential homes and providing training to their staff. She hopes that this will improve oral hygiene for the individuals who she treats in the clinic. Her philosophy is that oral health should be an integrated part of the overall health and that this needs to start at home with good oral hygiene. She has a unique way of addressing each person's individual needs and teaching them accordingly.

Ms. Young joined DDS four years ago, and together with Dr. Dan McLennon, they are able to provide warm and individualized care to the individuals who the Department supports. Together they are able to make a difference in people's daily lives and reaffirm their commitment to the DDS Mission Statement every day.



Oral Health Awareness Day

A Healthy Body Starts with a Health Mouth

The Connecticut Oral Health Initiative (COHI) is sponsoring an Oral Health Day in the Legislative Office Building (LOB) on February 26, 2014 from 8:30 AM through 3:30 PM. Attendance at this event will provide a great deal of information regarding oral health and how vital it is to overall health. Displays such as how oral health is affected by diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, medications, tobacco use or pregnancy will be included. Additionally, DDS was invited to participate and will have an informational display regarding oral health for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is a free event and everyone is encouraged to attend. The LOB is located at 400 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, CT. For more information please contact COHI at 860-246-2644 or info@ctoralhealth.org.



Connecticut Mission of Mercy



Do you know someone who needs dental care but cannot afford it?

There may be help! On Friday, April 25 and Saturday April 26 the XL Center in Hartford will be transformed into a giant dental facility by the Connecticut Mission of Mercy, affectionately referred to as CTMOM. The two day clinic provides free dental care to the underserved and uninsured in Connecticut - those people who would otherwise go without dental care. CTMOM will offer free dental care that may include oral exams, oral cancer screenings, dental fillings, x-rays, children's dentistry, root canals, extractions, dental cleanings and oral hygiene instruction. Dental and medical specialists band together to provide free dental care to as many people as possible. Numerous volunteers from many walks of life help with babysitting, registration, parking, family waiting area and other tasks that need to be done.

Individuals will be treated on a first-come, first-serve basis. The first stop is medical - dental triage for an evaluation to prioritize the needed dental procedures. As dentists and dental hygienists become available, individuals are guided to areas of the clinic where they undergo treatment for the most urgent problems that need to be addressed. This year CTMOM will have a special section for pregnant patients set aside on the clinic floor. They recognize that it is important to maintain good oral health during pregnancy. The Connecticut Mission of Mercy 2014 is scheduled for April 25 and 26 and will be located at the XL Center in Hartford. If you need additional information, please contact Izabella Pulvermacher at Izabella.pulvermacher@ct.gov and she will connect you with an appropriate resource.